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SUMMARY: ROBERT GROSSMANN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UDR (GAULLIST) PARTY AND DE FACTO HEAD OF THE PARTY'S YOUTH WING (LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN THE MAJORITY IN FRANCE), SPOKE TO EMBASSY OFFICER ON FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN THE FORTHCOMING WARSAW YOUTH CONFERENCE. HIS REMARKS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. GROSSMANN, WHO HEADED THE UDR YOUTH DELEGATION TO
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THE SOVIET UNION IN MARCH 1976, SAID GOP HAD EXTENDED
THE INVITATION TO ALL NON-FASCIST POLITICAL PARTIES IN

FRANCE. THE UDR, THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICANS (IR) AND THE SOCIALISTS ARE ALL ALLEGEDLY PLANNING TO SEND DELEGATIONS; BUT AS IS WELL KNOWN, THE PCF HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL NOT ATTEND, ACCUSING GOP OF INDIRECT COLLABORATION WITH THE "RULING CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT" IN FRANCE. GROSSMANN SAID ALL NON-COMMUNIST FRENCH POLITICIANS WERE LAUGHING AT THE PCF FOR ITS CHILDISH AND NAIVE REACTION TO CERTAIN REALITIES. WHEN ASKED IF FRANCE WOULD BE REPRESENTED IN WHOLE OR BY PARTIES, HE SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO GETTING TOGETHER BETWEEN FRENCH YOUTH GROUPS BEFORE THE CONGRESS, BUT THAT THE UDR AND THE IR WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY COLLABORATE ONCE IN WARSAW. HE ADDED THAT THE UDR FOR ONE WOULD CONTRIVE TO BE PRESENT AT ALL IMPORTANT YOUTH GATHERINGS OF THIS NATURE.

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